

Louisiana Black Bear
Ursus americanus luteolus



Reason for Decline

- Hunting in the early 1900's reduced Louisiana black bear populations.
- The major contributor to the population decline of the Louisiana black bear has been the destruction of bottomland hardwood forest habitat. In 1980, over 80% of bottomland hardwood forest habitat had been lost to two major causes:
 1. Reservoir construction flooded extensive areas of bottomland hardwood forest.
 2. Bottomland hardwood forest was cleared to make way for agricultural land and housing developments.
- Today, remaining habitats have been reduced by fragmentation, making them too small to be suitable black bear habitat.